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In these days of mining excitement both in Ontario and British Columbia, it may be of interest to note the answer to a question, which has often been asked by solicitors acting for companies in provinces outside British Columbia, viz.: whether companies holding Dominion or Provincial charters, come within the provisions of the British Columbia Acts in relation to the registration of foreign companies. For the information of those who may have occasion to enquire into this matter, we would say that it is considered by the proper authorities in that behalf that such companies are entitled to such registration.

OBJECTIONABLE LEGISLATION.

The Consolidated Municipal Act, 55 Vict., sec. 531, provides that "every public road, street, bridge and highway shall be kept in repair by the corporation, and on default . . . the corporation . . . shall be civilly responsible for all damages sustained by any person by reason of such default, but the action must be brought within three months after the damages have been sustained."

By 57 Vict., ch. 50, sec. 13, the right of the injured party is further hampered by a provision which takes away his right of action "unless notice of the accident and the cause thereof has been served upon or mailed through the post office to the mayor, reeve or other head of the corporation, or to the clerk of the municipality, within thirty days after the happening of the accident, and provided also that the want or insufficiency of the notice [shall not] be a bar to the action if the court or judge before whom the action is tried is of opinion that there was reasonable excuse for the want or in-